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Sir: This is a request for filing a Utility Patent Application, under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b),  
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**MULTISTAGE PROCESS FOR REMOVAL OF SULFUR FROM  
COMPONENTS FOR BLENDING OF TRANSPORTATION FUELS**

1. ☒ Specification, including claim(s), ( 41 total pages) is enclosed.
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3. ☐ Declaration ( \_\_\_\_\_ total pages) is enclosed.
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